

Application No. 09/849,513

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Docket No. 70325-040017REMARKS

Applicants wish to thank Examiner Vig for extending the courtesy of an interview to Applicants' representative, Pablo Tapia, on November 21, 2005. Examiner suggested that non-computer communication formats be exemplified in Claim 1. As discussed below, Applicant has addressed the Examiner's observations regarding non-computer communication formats.

In response to the Office Action dated September 19, 2005, Applicants have amended Claims 1-7, 11, 13-17, 19, and 21-24.

Applicants submit that the claims are in condition for allowance.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 1-24 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Information in eFax.com (eFax) in view of Facsimile Support/400 Version 3 (IBM).

Claim 1 has been amended to include "wherein the non-computer communication format can be telephonic facsimile or regular mail." In addition, Applicants have amended Claims 1, 11, 14 and 19 to clarify that an electronic transaction document includes a preferred communication format indicator for each of the plurality of recipient parties of the business transaction.

Applicants submit that eFax does not teach an electronic transaction document including a preferred communication format indicator. In like manner, the IBM reference does not teach or suggest an electronic transaction document including a preferred communication format indicator for each of the recipient parties.

Therefore, Applicants submit that the rejection of Claims 1, 11, 14 and 19 be withdrawn. Further, claims 2-10, 12-13, 15-18 and 20-21 depend respectively from independent claims 1, 11, 14 and 19. Therefore, Applicants also submit that the rejections of these claims also be withdrawn.

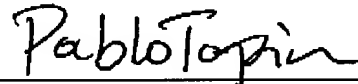
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In view of the above, it is submitted that this application is now in good order for allowance, and such early action is respectfully requested. Should matters remain that the Examiner believes could be resolved in a telephone interview, the Examiner is requested to telephone the Applicants' undersigned attorney at (310) 586-6512.

The Director is authorized to charge any additional fee(s) or any underpayment of fee(s), or to credit any overpayments to Deposit Account Number 50-2638, Deposit Account Name Greenberg Traurig, LLP. Please ensure that the Attorney Docket Number 70325-040017 is referred to when charging any payments or credits for this case.

Respectfully submitted,



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